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SUBJECT: POLICY ON SURRENDER OF US PASSPORT TO HOST GOVERNMENT

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1. WHILE UNDERSTANDING DEPARTMENT'S WISH TO REDUCE SUCH SURRENDERS OF US PASSPORTS TO HOST GOVERNMENTS THROUGH INSTITUTING UNIFORM PROCEDURES, THIS EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DISTINCTION BETWEEN VOLUNTARY AND COERCED SURRENDER OF PASSPORTS IN GDR, AND POSSIBLY IN EASTERN EUROPE, CANNOT BE EASILY MADE, FURTHER, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL FREQUENTLY BE INAPPROPRIATE TO GIVE PRIOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AMCIT A REPLACEMENT PASSPORT TO GDR AUTHORITIES, PARTICULARLY IN DUAL NATIONALITY CASES.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PROCEDURES IN NUMBER PARA 3 OF REF NORMALLY ARE TO BE RARELY USED. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE A BLANKET EXCEPTION TO NUMBERED PARA 1 FOR THIS EMBASSY IS APPROPRIATE. WE WILL, OF COURSE, TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS, BOTH TO ESTABLISH CITIZENSHIP SATISFACTORILY AND TO ASSURE THE RIGHT OF AMCITS TO BEAR U.S. PASSPORTS AS PER 8 FAM 254. EXEPT FOR AUTOMATIC DECONTROL.COOPER

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